Georgianna Cherinchak -Cole

Simpson native to seek 114th District seat

Georgianna Cherinchak-Cole, Simpson native now living in Clarks Summit has announced her candidacy for the Democratic nomination for state representative in the 114th Legislative District. She serves as Lackawanna County Ombudsman for the Disabled.

Mrs. Cherinchak-Cole was born and raised in Simpson, one of seven children of Mrs. Angeline Colachino Cherinchak and the late Walter Cherinchak. She is married to George H. Cole, an employee of Allied Service for the Handicapped, Inc.

Mrs. Cherinchak-Cole attended schools in the Fell Township School District and was graduated from Fell Township High School. She received as associates in arts from Keystone Junior College in accounting and business education, and a master's of public administration from Marywood College. She has also pursued studies at Georgia State University and the University of Puerto Rico in gerontology.

A member of the Abington Democratic Club, League of Women voters of Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania Elected Women's Association, Steering Committee of the newly formed Women's Political Action Committee of Northeastern Pennsylvania which is designed to encourage women to pursue political offices, Steering Committee for women in politics classes that are offered through the YWCA, and will be participating in the House of Representatives and numberous workshops.

Mrs. Cherinchak-Cole is second vice-president of the Board of Directors of the Health Systems Agency N.E. PA. and chairperson of its management health care planning for a six-county area surrounding and including Lackawanna County. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of Telespond Senior Services, Inc.

She was a co-founder of the local grassroots advocacy group for the disabled, Operation Overcome of Lackawanna County and is a member of that group's advisory council; member of the Board of Directors of Very Special People, Inc., a member of the Scranton Chapter of the American Association of University Women; St. Joseph's Hospital of Carbondale Board of Director's Planning and Public Relations Committee; and a volunteer for the United Way.

Mrs. Cherinchak-Cole was a volunteer in the Forest City Community Development Office that resulted in a $1.5 million federal D.H.U.D. Small Cities Program Grant.

Some of the major issues she would pursue if elected, would be, expanded human services for the disabled and aged, based on a sound financial need; election of Public Utility Commission (PUC) members, instead of the current appointments; improved working relationship with teachers to work together for a better preparation in the lower grades for our children.

Mrs. Cherinchak-Cole summarizes herself as "a member of the new breed of people who have returned to Northeastern Pennsylvania because I choose to live here. Working at a lower pay scale here in Lacawanna County than that which is available to me in other parts of the country; I have decided to live her and commit my life, energies, talents, and hopes to our community and people. I hope to be a part of our community that will make our lives richer and more productive.

The essential of our area is unlimited and I know that I can be an important part of future development and decision-making."

Georgianna Cherinchak-Cole

Krantz kicks off campaign for 115th District seat

David L. Krantz, of Carbondale has kicked off his campaign for the Democratic nomination for state representative from the 115th Legislative District.

Acknowledging the difficulty of the task ahead of him, David stated, "I entered this race because I care about the people of the 115th district and how they are represented." His candidacy gives the people of the 115th district the opportunity to choose among candidates whose background, experience and approach to issues are clearly different.

Krantz is employed as a research analyst by the state House of Representatives, assigned to work with the Urban Affairs Committee Subcommittee on Third Class Cities and Counties and as administrative assistant to state representative Thomas R. Caltagirone. David has been associated with the Democratic Caucus for the past ten years. Having worked for many areas of the commonwealth, he would like to serve his home district.

The candidate and his sister Ellen T. Krantz, an elementary school teacher in the Scranton City School District and their aunt Gertrude A. Krantz, retired Benjamin Franklin High School principal, reside at 113 Terrace Sreet. They are members of Saint Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Church and its societies.

David, graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School and received a bachelor's degree from King's College, Wilkes-Barre. While at King's, he was senior class president, Regis yearbook editor, member Pi Delta Epsilon journalism fraternity and was the first student to address his graduating class.

David was a Big Brother for Big Brother of Luzerne County; holds membership in the Albert Crane Post American Legion; The St. Patrick Society of Lackawanna County and is secretary of the Carbondale City Democratic Committee.

Son of Ferdinand J. Krantz and the late Natalie Goode Krantz, Bowie, Maryland, he was president of D.L.K. Associates, Inc., when he researched and published and retailed, "Trouble with Agnes," a color pictorial of the 1972 hurricane Agnes flood. Employment after his completion of service included retail sales, tax return work with Internal Revenue Service and insurance sales.

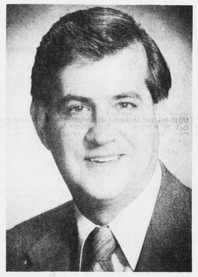
In announcing his intention to seek the nomination, David noted, "Representative Joe Wargo's decision to retire leaves his legislative seat hard to fill. I submit that my experience will enable me to serve the district as an effective representative, without the need for the usual on-the-job training."

He added, "I believe that my knowledge of the needs of the people of our district, my acquaintance with other members of the House of Representatives and the valuable experience I have gained in working for the Democratic Caucus since 1975 will permit me to serve the people of the 115th district capably. As legislative analyst, I have drafted several pieces of legislation that are now law in Pennsylvania."

Krantz stated when elected state representative he would be a full-time, accessible representative with no outside interests, and that a district office would be established."

The candidate continued, "We cannot sit still while Pennsylvania's unemployment rate is above the national average, and I support The Spirit of Pennsylvania Pride the House Democratic leadership's ambitious economic recovery proposal. Economic development is a shared responsibility between federal, state and local governments - the private sector and the people.

Mr. Krantz pledges to vigorously promote actions to accomplish the goals of the pro-life movement; support more equitable wage and pension treatment for women; support pre-school care funding and early intervention; support state sponsored Vocational Education retraining of our unemployed and underemployed; support creative political subdivision tax reform; support volunteer fire association funding efforts.



David Krantz

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Armed Forces News

Barbara Munton

Army Sgt. Barbara Munton, daughter of Mary Curtis of 136 Park St., has been chosen mechanic of the year for the 30th Medical Group.

Munton was selected in competition among contemporaries for exemplary duty performance and military professionalism.

Selection was based on job knowledge, leadership abilities and management of resources. Also considered were military standards of dress, appearance and conduct, self-improvement in furthering education, and involvement in community programs.

She is a vehicle mechanic with the 2nd Support Command in Fuerth, West Germany.

Her husband, Army Sgt. 1st Class Charles Munton, is the son of Mary Munton, Rome Ga.

She is a 1975 graduate of Carbondale Area High School.

Caspar Sadauskas

Army Spec. 4 Caspar A. Sadauskas, nephew of Edward P. Lastauskas of Rural Route 1, Jermyn, and Adeline Washner, Scranton, has arrived for duty in Augsburg, West Germany.

Sadauskas, a loading equipment operator with the 2nd Support Command, was previously assigned at Fort Eustis, Va.

His wife, Frances, is the daughter of Frank and Regina Balmea of 1706 Dorothy St., Scranton.

The specialist is a 1976 graduate of West Scranton High School.

Michael Kurtz

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael J. Kurtz, son of John E. Kurtz of 133 S.D. Valleyview Terrace, Vandling, has arrived for duty at Kunsun Air Force Base, South Korea.

Kurtz, a security supervisor with the 8th Security Police Squadron, was previously assigned at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.

His wife, Louise, is the daughter of Raymond L. Rogers Binghamton, N.Y.

The sergeant in a 1970 graduate of Thomas A. Edison High School, Edison, N.J.

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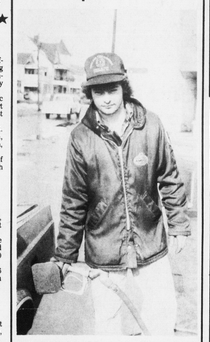

JAMIE MOYLE, 92 7th Ave., is an attendant at Laperra's Amoco station, 41 River St. Jamie likes his job because it offers good pay and "it keeps (him) going." "It's great in the summer," he said, "The only time I mind it is when it gets cold." (NEWS photo by Mike Petrovsky)

Tony Mazza was D&H engineer

Most area residents recall when railroads were active in city

By MIKE PETROVSKY

There was a time when the railroad was much more to this area than simply a tourist attraction. Before the popularity of automobiles, tractor trailers and interstate highway systems, trains would take people and freight from Carbondale to just about anywhere in the United States and Canada.

Now all that is left of the railroad in the city are the remnants of bridges and platforms and the memories of some of its citizens who were around when almost every town in northeastern Pennsylvania was a "Steam Town."

Anthony Mazza, 49 Terrace Street, retired from the Delaware and Hudson railroad in 1981 after 40 years of service and in that 40 years he saw the replacement of steam locomotives by the high powered diesels, the end of passenger train service to the area, and the decline of railroad freight service.

In 1941 Mazza left his job loading coal cars at his brother-in-law's coal mine to work for D & H as a fireman. His salary at that time was $7.35 a day, which was $1.27 more than he made in the mines.

"That was good money back then," Mazza said.

Though it was "good money," being a fireman was hard work. The fireman kept the train going by shoveling the coal into the firebox which heated the water to make the steam, the lifeblood of the early locomotive. Mazza explained that D & H did not convert to the diesel powered engines until 1960.

Railroad firemen, as one might expect, were subject to working under extremely high temperatures. Mazza said he always keps a bucket of ice water to drink to replace body fluid lost as a result of the intense heat. In the summer, he would mix oatmeal with the water to prevent stomach cramps.

Mazza boasted that of all the passenger trains serving the area — the Lehigh Valley, the Delaware and Lackawanna, the Pennsylvania and the Erie Lackawanna - the D & H had the fastest trains. He said that the Carbondale to Scranton run which made stops in Mayfield, Jermyn, Archbald, Jessup, Olyphant and Dickson City took 40 minutes -- a fast time even by today's standards.

Mazza also worked the northern route from Carbondale to Binghamton, NY, and from Binghamton to Nineveh, NY, and the southern routes from Scranton to Wilkes-Barre and from Wilkes-Barre to Allentown. He said from Nineveh passengers could go to Albany, NY, and on to Montreal, Canada.

In 1952 when D & H ended its passenger service to the area, Mazza stayed with the company working aboard the freight trains. In 1972 he achieved the goal of most railroad men when he became a locomotive engineer.

As an engineer, part of his job was to watch the box cars. He said that sometimes a wheel at one of the cars would lock and the resulting friction between the locked wheel and the track would make the wheel so hot that there was the possibility it would catch a wooden freight car on fire.

Derailments were also a problem faced by railroad engineers. Mazza said that minor derailments could be handled "easily" with the help of "replacers," ramp-like sections of rail placed under the wheels of a derailed car. The car was then pulled back onto the track by the locomotive. For larger derailments, a special crew would have to be called to hoist the derailed car onto the track. Mazza said, though, that in his nine years as a locomotive engineer he experienced relatively few derailments.

Mazza could "write a book" on his experiences working on the railroad. Now that he is retired perhaps he'll have the time, recalling the days when steam locomotives were not just museum pieces and when train stations bustled with passengers — an era that may be gone, but will never be forgotten by those whose lives were touched by the magic of the railroad.

Tony Mazza

Women's Doubles Racquetball

The second half of the Carbondale YMCA's Women's Doubles Racquetball League kicked off Thursday, January 19. In the "A" division Linda Fitzsimmons and Susan Mancuso gained their first victory as a team by defeating Chris Baldini and Gloria Salko the last two games of their match 15 to 4 and 15 to 10 after dropping the first game 10 to 15. The other "A" match saw Lori Montgomery and Muriel Wells lose their first game to Marlene DuFazio and Pat Zefran by the socre of 12 to 15, but they came back to win the last two games 15 to 6 and 15 to 12. In the "B" division, Mary Drwoszyk and Kathy Vitracovitch took two games of three from Kathy Clause and Karey Walker to win the match. Clause-Walker won the first game 15 to 13, but they were subdued the last two games 15 to 13 and 15 to 11.

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